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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

To the FDA:

I send this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

It is my understanding that this MOU greatly reduces the rights of patients and doctors from obtaining healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also prevents pharmacists to provide "compound" prescriptions to patients that happen to live out of state.

Being active and knowledgeable participant in my own healthcare, I currently receive compounded medications that are designed for my own particular circumstances and medical needs. I communicate and interact with the physician, the pharmacist to monitor and adjust percentages of dose to fit my health needs. It is this "choice" I have, to participate in this way with a specialty pharmacy, that has improved the quality of my life.

I fear that with this current MOU, it will restrict freedom of choice. It is NOT an issue of consumer safety. Please amend the MOU as currently written so as not to create another OBSTACLE for conscientious and responsible healthcare consumers.

Sincerely,

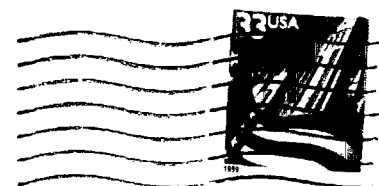


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